The Transfer Of Leadership

Scripture: Joshua 1:2-5

Joshua 1:2-5 NIV "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Introduction

In no situation is an individual indispensable. G-d always has someone prepared to assume the responsibility when a leader has completed his work. Moses, a great leader, has finished his work, but G-d's program is not completed. Someone else must assume the vacated position.

I. My servant is dead

Joshua 1:1-2a NIV After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead.

- A. The leader you've leaned upon is no longer available
- B. The instrument of past blessing is gone
- C. Transition is imminent

II. Now ... you ... get ready

Joshua 1:2b NIV Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.

- A. It is time to prepare yourself for greater responsibility
- B. It is time to accept your place of ministry
- C. It is time to move toward G-d given victory

III. As I was with ..., so will I be with you

Joshua 1:5b NIV As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

- A. My promises to him are my promises to you
- B. You will experience total victory

C. I will be with you constantly

Conclusion

Step into your future role with absolute confidence that G-d will carry you through to total victory. Do not fear, do not be afraid. For the Lord of hosts is with you.